

RESOLUTION No. 2009-226-1172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF A \$2 PER DAY RENTAL CAR SURCHARGE TO SAVE TRI-RAIL FROM DEFAULT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Tri-Rail provides commuter services connecting passengers to Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, and

WHEREAS, due to declining property tax revenues, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties have reduced their voluntary subsidies to Tri-Rail, and

WHEREAS, Tri-Rail is in imminent danger of defaulting on a Two Hundred Fifty-Six Million Dollar (\$256,000,000) grant , and

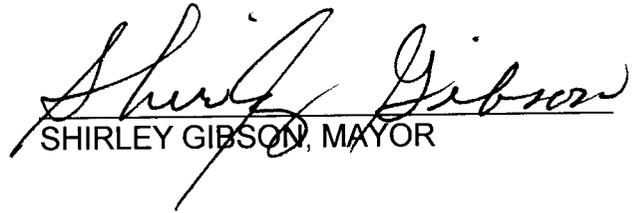
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATORS: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby calls on Governor Charlie Crist, State Senate President Jeff Atwater, State Speaker of the House Larry Cretul and all of our State Legislators to save Tri-rail from default by enacting a \$2.00 per day rental car surcharge. This surcharge should not apply to persons who own a motor vehicle that is in the shop for repair or maintenance.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS
AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2010.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT, III

MOVED BY: Councilman Bratton
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



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Council Meeting Date: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	December 9, 2009		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
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Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X		Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		Yes		No
						X	
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:				
		X					
Sponsor Name	Vice-Mayor Oliver Gilbert III		Department:	<i>Mayor and Council</i>			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

Tri-Rail provides commuter services connecting passengers to Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Due to the recent economic climate and declining property tax revenues, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties have reduced their voluntary subsidies to Tri-Rail. As a result of the poor economy and the reduction of revenue from local governments, Tri-Rail is in imminent danger of defaulting on a Two Hundred Fifty-Six Million Dollar (\$256,000,000) grant.

In an effort to generate revenue to support the Tri-Rail system, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is requesting the support of the Florida Legislature to levy a \$2.00 per day rental car surcharge. Under the current proposal this surcharge would not apply to persons who own a motor vehicle that is in the shop for repair or maintenance.

Several municipalities have lent their support to this initiative, realizing the impact that Tri-Rail has on their communities. Due to the fact that the City of Miami Gardens has a Tri-Rail station within close proximity to the city limits, and since our residents may be negatively impacted by the loss of a low cost commuter option. The

**ITEM J-4) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Supporting a surcharge to save Tri-Rail**

attached resolution proposes that the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens joins with other local governments to call on Governor Charlie Crist, State Senate President Jeff Atwater, State Speaker of the House Larry Cretul and all of our State Legislators to save Tri-Rail from default by enacting a \$2.00 per day rental car surcharge.

Proposed Action:

Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert III recommends that the City County adopt the attached resolution supporting the \$2.00 per day rental car surcharge in support of Tri-Rail.

Attachment:

None